

Online Safety News



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Updated online safety resources for parents and carers



Childnet has recently updated some of their internet safety resources for parents and carers. The new suite of resources can help the whole family to stay safe online.

Childnet has a dedicated area to support parents and carers with information on key online safety topics, advice and activities to share with your child.

You can access the new resources here: www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers



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BBC 'Own It' keyboard and App

If your child has got their first smartphone, then this app, which has been developed by the **BBC**, may be of interest to you.

A specially designed interactive custom keyboard is downloaded with the app. As the child types using the keyboard, depending on the content of their text, safety and wellbeing questions and reminders are given on the screen. If, for example, your child is typing personal information, such as a mobile number or email address, the app will intervene and tell the child to 'think safe' before sharing. Everything your child types is kept completely private, and never leaves the 'Own It' app on their phone.

The BBC explains, the app can help in 'supporting their digital wellbeing, showing them how to make smarter and better informed choices and helping them grow into confident, positive and happy digital citizens.'

To find out more visit: <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/own-it-app>



11 things you should know about loot boxes



Parents and carers may have seen stories about loot boxes in the news recently.

Childnet has written an article to help clarify the key information about loot boxes, what they mean for young people and their online safety and what parents can do to encourage safe and responsible usage. [The article can be accessed here.](#)

BBC 'Own It' also has a really useful resource about loot boxes:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/loot-box-breakdown>